representations for wrong exclusion have been received as on March, 1990.

(c) The Standing Committee constituted by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals will consider all matters connected with review of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 and the representations made on various policy issues concerning DPCO 1987, including/ inclusion/exclusion of drugs in the Scheduled Categories.

(d) and (e) As already answered in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 707 dated 14.5.90, it is not in public interest to disclose the recommendations of the Standing Committee at this stage.

Production of drugs from imported intermediates

2053. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the recommedations of Hathi Committee those companies which were producing drugs from the imported intermediates were required to produce drugs from basic stages within a period of two years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of companies are still importing intermediates even after a lapse of one decade;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is resulting in outgo of foreign exchange;

(d) what are the names of the companies which are producing drugs from imported intermediates since more than two years;

(e) what are the names of intermediates going into the production of each drug and since when each is being produced from intermediate stage; and

(f) what is the ex-factory cost of production of each drug and what is the percentage of import contents to ex-factory cost?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Hathi Committee had recommended that foreign companies producing bulk drugs from penultimate stage should manufacture within a period of two years, the bulk drugs concerned from the basic stage.

(b) and (c) Several drugs in the country are being produced from intermediate stage due to various reasons, the prominent among which are technological constraints.

(d) to (f) Information asked for is too voluminous and time and labour involved in collection and compilation of information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Recovery of overcharged amounts

2054. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry refunded the overcharged amount of Rs. 30.11 lakhs to M/s. Warner Hindustan;

(b) if so, on what ground;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the same amount was taken back;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what are the reasons for which the full amount was not recovered;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the special team did not assess the liability of M/s. Merind which was involved in the Supreme Court case;

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(g) what are the names of the drugs of M/s. Merind involved;

(h) whether it is also a fact that set offs have been allowed in certain cases contrary to the opinion of the Department of Legal Affairs; and

(i) if so, what are the details of set offs allowed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) A cheque of Rs. 30.11 lakhs sent by M/s.